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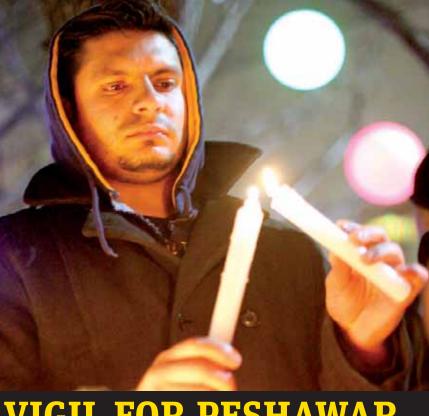
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## Party defections 'blindside' Wildrose

Party shakeup. Multiple MLAs,

including leader Smith. could leave



RYAN TUMILTY

Wildrose's president of fundraising said he expects to lose several MLAs to the governing Tories, including party leader Danielle Smith.

Jeff Callaway, a former candidate and Wildrose Party past president, said several MLAs — Smith representing Highwood, Rob Anderson representing Airdrie and Jason Hale from Strathmore-Brooks - all intend to leave the party.

Sources familiar with the situation told Metro that Jeff Wilson from Calgary-Shaw and Gary Bikman from Cardston-Taber-Warner also attended a Tuesday afternoon meeting where the jump was discussed. Blake Ped-

ersen from Medicine Hat is also rumoured to be another of the floor-crossers.

Late Tuesday, Pat Stier from Livingstone-Macleod, who was rumoured to be leaving the party, said on his website: "I shall NOT be joining several of my colleagues who have decided to suddenly join the Progressive Conservative Caucus."

Callaway said the party turmoil has come as a complete shock to Wildrose members.

"I think when you have the leader of the party cross the floor it's a bit of a blindside," he said.

Callaway said despite discussion about this being a possible merger, the Wildrose won't be going anywhere.

"The (executive committee) is united, I would venture to say unanimous, in not exploring or having any discussions on a merger," he

Callaway said he fully expects several MLAs to stay and several more are still making up their mind.

Cypress-Medicine MLA Drew Barnes skipped Tuesday's meeting, because he said he has no interest in joining the governing party.

"I have refrained from being involved in that caucus meeting and the reasons are I'm not going to join the PC party," he said.

In addition to Barnes, Rick Strankman from Drumheller-Stettler said he would be staying put and Callaway said he was confident Calgary-Fish Creek MLA Heather Forsyth was committed

to the party. Barnes said 440,000 people voted Wildrose in the last election and he doubts very much any of them would want to see their MLAs take this step.

"I think it's important that we continue to do our job in opposition," he said.

Barnes said he was first contacted Saturday evening about the possible merger and he backed away immediately.

"This is when I was called and declined to enter into any discussions," he said.

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#### Jennifer, Jeromie Clark

#### Parents accused of malnutrition in death of toddler granted bail

A couple who police say contributed to their toddler son's death by failing to provide proper nutrition have been granted

Jennifer Clark, 38, and Jeromie Clark, 34, were charged on the weekend with criminal negligence causing death and failure to provide the necessities

Their 14-month-old son, John, died the day after he was brought to a Calgary hospital in November 2013.

The Clarks were released Tuesday on a number of conditions that included a cash bond of \$5,000 each. The judge also specified that they are prohibited from seeing any children under the age of 14 without supervision. That includes their other two children.

They were also required to surrender their passports, to remain in Alberta and to report for fingerprinting. The court heard there was a problem with fingerprinting them after their arrest because of their religious beliefs.

The two accused appeared via closed-circuit

A preliminary hearing date is expected to be set at their next court appearance Jan. 30.

Police have said the child had a staph infection that was complicated by malnutrition that made it untreatable. They said the child's family followed strict dietary restrictions based on their faith and nutritional beliefs.

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## New Calgary library app eases checkout

'It's about accessibility.' Simple bar code downloaded to smartphones will replace library cards



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The Calgary Public Library has soft-launched a new app with exciting features, including one that could see cards eliminated in favour of hand-held

A simple bar code for anyone who downloads the app to a smartphone will replace physical library cards, making taking out books simpler — no need to replace lost or stolen

"Everyone's getting rid of their wallets and we want to also be a part of that trend," said Paul McIntyre Royston, president and CEO of the Calgary Public Library Foundation. "It's about accessibility and freedom and openness.

Emma Jones, 16, has been using the library since she was young. Now in high school, she said she's enjoyed the current app because it helps her know, from her cellphone, when books are in to pick up. She hasn't downloaded the new

The new app will be officially launched Jan. 2, but curious users can visit the new library website and download the app now.

app, but is excited to give it a

"It makes the library more accessible to people who don't necessarily want to carry their wallet around all the time," Jones said after examining the virtual library card option. "Convenience is the currency of our age.'

Along with an app, the Cal-

gary Public Library is launching a new website on Dec. 28. The site is in beta-testing mode, but can be accessed through the old site. The site will feature a new catalogue and online registration, something the library has never offered.

Royston said that in the past, library members had to bring a government-issued ID as proof of identity to sign up. Now, registration can be done online with a few clicks - no more driver's licence required.

Jones said people shouldn't need a permanent address to get a library card, and eliminating that step could help increase library users, something





## Body-cams could help nail distracted drivers: Chief

#### **Year-end interview.**

Rick Hanson also backs demerit points as way to cut down problem



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City police will likely turn to their shiny new body-worn cameras in 2015 to obtain evidence of motorists caught chatting on handheld phones or texting behind the wheel, says Calgary's police chief. Rick Hanson told Metro in

Rick Hanson told Metro in a year-end interview Monday that his officers are facing a great deal of scrutiny from the courts as they attempt to put a dent in the chronic problem of inattentive drivers.

But the service may have a countermeasure, he said, as they intend to outfit all frontline officers early in the new year with a camera worn on their uniform.

"Some of the courts are saying 'unless you can give us a photo of the person actually using their phone while they're driving,' they're reluctant to just accept the evidence of a police officer," Hanson said.

Linda McKay, executive director of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre, said her group still has concerns about the cameras coming online. She said the fear is it will lead to "selective policing," in which officers are given full license to determine when their camera is on or off.

Still, she agreed with police that many aren't adhering to the distracted-driving laws more than three years after they were introduced and said the cameras could be an important tool.

"If people think, 'You're never going to catch me,' then it diminishes respect for having the law," she said.

Hanson, meanwhile, continues to fuel calls for adding demerits to provincial distracted-driving legislation. Currently, Albertans are slapped with a \$172 fine, but Calgary MLA Moe Amery has introduced a bill that would tack on three demerits for each offence and bump the fine up to \$250.

#### Enforcemen

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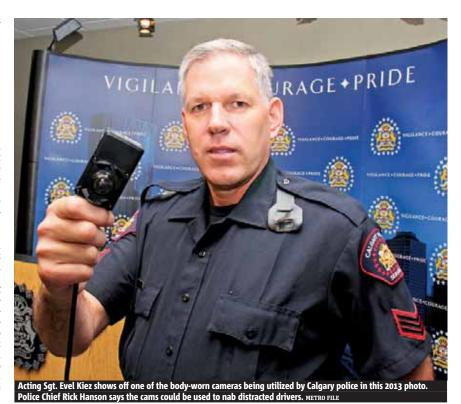
Linda McKay, executive director of the Alberta Civil Liberties Research Centre

Hanson said the fine would likely be regarded as "the cost of doing business," but it's the demerits that could really cause drivers to think twice.

"Ultimately, if you choose to ignore any law that has demerits, you'll lose your licence," he said

It's likely Amery's bill will be debated in the spring, but Hanson fears it will be pushed to the back burner.

"This province has a long history of being last with getting on board with any legislation.... We were the last for seat-belt laws and it's beginning to look like we may be the last province that's holding out on demerits for what is proving to be one of the most dangerous actions a driver can take," he



## Is sage grouse program 'doomed to fail'?



Officials with the Calgary Zoo pledge to press ahead with a one-of-a-kind captive breeding program aimed at saving the greater sage grouse species, despite nine of the treasured animals dying in recent months.

Seven of the grouse died as a result of diet complications. One was killed by a mink that managed to sneak in from a nearby enclosure. One died after attempting to fly while being carried in a transport box.

Two birds remain from the original 11 hatched in June.

"We've clearly had some losses and we've learned through the different stages about how we adjust," said Axel Moehrenschlager, head of conservation and research at the zoo. He noted that, in the wild, 90 per cent of sage grouse chicks do not make it past the nesting stage.

The breeding program had an initial price tag of \$5.3 million — \$4.2 million of which was contributed evenly by the provincial and federal government — and now the zoo is pledging to spend another \$500,000 in 2015 on "significant improvements" to its breeding facility at the Devonian Conservation Centre.

The federal government issued an emergency order last year to prevent oil-and-gas development from disrupting the fragile species. Just 14 male sage grouse were found in Alberta during surveys this year.

But Mark Boyce — a professor at the University of Alberta who was among a group of experts that discussed the plan at the zoo in January — suggested the zoo's program is "doomed to fail." Even if it could be done, Boyce said oil-and-gas development has destroyed the species' natural habitat.

"Sage grouse is likely to be the first species to be extricated as a direct consequence of oil development in Alberta," he said.

But Moehrenschlager said the expert advice obtained from the January meeting is being used to help develop blueprints for the new facility.

"We want to grow this program ... in a way that isn't just about keeping animals and breeding them but actually also doing the research to make sure we can maintain their natural behaviours, maintain the genetic diversity so that the population is suitable for ... the wild," he said.

#### Ticket resale scam

### Mom, son guilty of Ponzi scheme

A mother and son have pleaded guilty to seven counts of fraud in a \$1.3-million Ponzi scheme in southern Alberta. RCMP say Anthony Pittarelli, 45, and his mother, Marisa Pittarelli, 66, entered guilty pleas last week.

The charges relate to a scheme in which people were invited to invest in a ticket-reselling business. Tickets to popular events were claimed to be bought

and resold at a profit to investors — but in reality, the business did not exist.

Some cash was used to repay earlier investors, while the rest went into the Pittarellis' pockets.

Sentencing is scheduled for April 20 in Lethbridge.

#### Norman Reedus

## Zombie killer to take on the hordes at Calgary Expo

Organizers of the Calgary Comic & Entertainment Expo have signed up TV's most popular crossbow-toting zombie hunter.

Norman Reedus, who plays Daryl Dixon on The Walking Dead, will attend the April 16-19 event, organizers announced. This year, the Calgary Expo will celebrate its 10th anniversary.

"The actors, artists and

creators we've invited so far to Calgary Expo's 10th anniversary have come from every corner of the nerd universe, from Sunnydale to Starling City," said the event's host and spokeswoman, known as Emily Expo.

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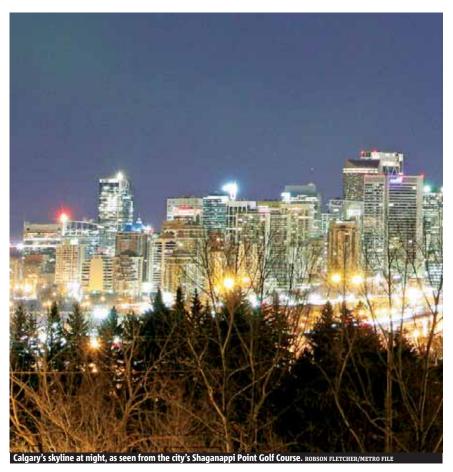
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## Calgary rent soars to highest in Canada

**Up 8 per cent from last year.** Average rents soar to \$1,322 per month for a two-bedroom unit



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Hours after city council rejected a new framework to allow secondary suites citywide and streamline their approval process, Canada's housing authority revealed Calgary now has the highest rents of any metropolitan area in a nationwide study.

Average rents in October soared to \$1,322 per month for a two-bedroom unit in Calgary, according to the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation's fall rental market report.

That's up eight per cent from last year, and puts Cal-

gary ahead of the average rent in Vancouver (\$1,311) and Toronto (\$1,251).

"For people earning in that \$25,000 to \$40,000 income bracket, these are rents that are just out of reach," said Calgary Chamber president Adam Legge. "It makes it increasingly difficult for people in those occupations of lower wage to stay in Calgary or to attract someone to Calgary with those kinds of incomes."

Legge had strongly urged council to approve the secondary-suites reform package as a way of easing the city's tight rental market, which he said has become a barrier to attracting and retaining labour for many Calgary businesses.

Levi Nilson of the University of Calgary Students' Union had also pressed councillors to approve the package and said "it was a little disappointing" to see it rejected but he was still pleased to see "some progress" on secondary suites.

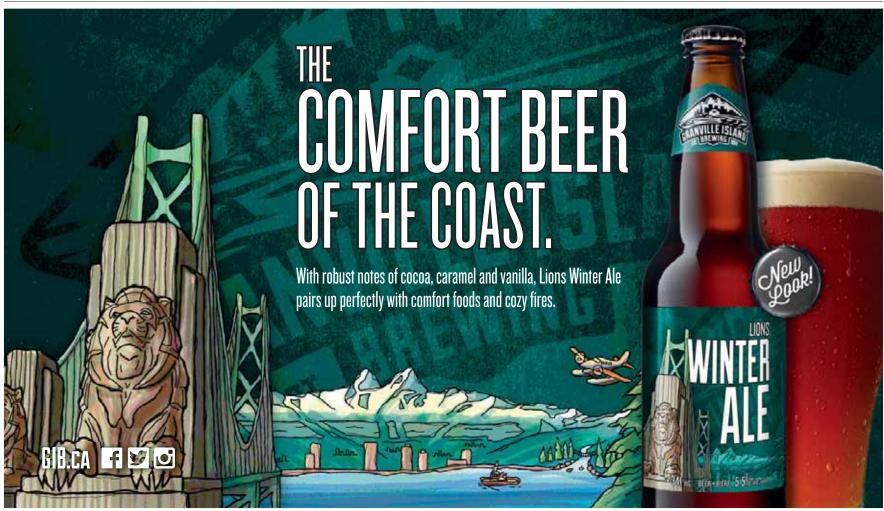
Council voted late Monday to have city staff bring proposed bylaw changes allowing secondary suites in Wards 7, 8, 9 and 11 and prepare another report on the impacts of allowing suites within a certain radius of major transit stops.

"A lot of students live in those wards and near transit," Nilson said. "So, we're happy that something happened."

Council's decision to draft a new bylaw for the four inner-city wards is "a very significant move," said Greg Miller of Calgarians for Secondary Suites, a citizen group that supports reform.

#### Secondary suites

Illegal secondary suites abound in Calgary, according to Cliff De Jong of the city's planning, development and assessment department.



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#### Wildrose Party

#### **Grassroots upset** over potential floor crossings

The party's former leader and grassroots members are outraged about the possible defections from the Wildrose

Former party leader Paul Hinman said he's deeply disappointed in the potential crossings and can't understand why people would leave the Wildrose now.

'I think that they're suffering from the worst case of dome diseases in the history of the province," he said.

Hinman said the party is going to carry on without these MLAs, even if they include Smith.

This isn't the will of the executive and this isn't the will of the members," he said. "This is the will of a few politically ambitious individuals.

Cory Morgan, an active member of the party, who ran for the Wildrose in 2012, was equally disappointed.

"I see blatant opportunism to be honest," he said.

"I think they fear for their jobs. They see the polling numbers going down, they see the donor numbers going

Morgan agreed the party isn't going anywhere.

"We have over 21,000 members. This party is far from dead," he said.

Reports have indicated that the Tories have offered specific policy changes to attract the Wildrose MLAs into the party.

Morgan said that without a determined opposition those promises won't be

worth anything.
"We know darn well the (PC) party will slide right back to where they were before," Morgan said.

RYAN TUMILTY/METRO IN EDMONTON



## Floor crossings weaken debate

#### Smaller opposition.

Less accountability if more Wildrose members cross the floor, expert says



RYAN TUMILTY

Opposition voices will be hard to come by in the Alberta legislature if rumoured floor crossings become a reality, according to an expert on provincial politics.

Bob Murray, an adjunct professor of political science at the University of Alberta, said it's not surprising to see Wildrose members shifting

"Especially under Jim Prentice, the parties are no longer all that different," he said.

Murray said the Wildrose has been an effective opposition, in part, because it has had the numbers and resour-

"That's the biggest damage that happens here. Where you no longer have a functioning opposition," he said.

After riding high in the polls and with donors for most of 2014, the party has taken a slide since losing four October byelections.

One of those contests was decided by just over 300 votes and Murray said if it had gone

"There's a large percentage of the population that didn't vote for this Conservative government and they have a right to have their voices heard in the legislature."

NDP leader Rachel Notley

the other way it's unlikely Albertans would see these floor

"It would have been a vote of confidence in Danielle Smith's leadership," he said.

NDP Leader Rachel Notley said if the defections take place the legislature will have to give the remaining opposition a larger say.

"There's a large percentage of the population that didn't vote for this Conservative government and they have a right to have their voices heard in the legislature," she said.

Liberal Leader Raj Sherman said his party would be a better official opposition, because it would focus on solutions and not just government failures.

"If the Wildrose is no longer official opposition it means instead of focusing on scandals we can focus on policy,' Sherman said.



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## Morinville. Planning dollars allotted for new public school

Morinville parents say they're remaining cautiously optimistic after Education Minister Gordon Dirks approved planning dollars for a new public school in the community.

After four years of advocating for a public learning facility, Morinville parent Marjorie Kirsop said there's no guarantee the much-needed school will be built.

"The schools that receive planning dollars do not automatically get guaranteed a new school," she said. "From my understanding, once they plan it and then they submit their proposal, the govern-

#### Holt Renfrew

### Help sought after handbags stolen

Calgary police are asking for the public's help after thieves swiped a number of highpriced handbags.

The incident occurred early Wednesday around 2 a.m. at the Holt Renfrew,

#### Details

Parent Marjorie Kirsop said the community is in the same position as other school divisions who were promised new schools in October when Premier Jim Prentice and Dirks announced funding for 55 facilities.

ment will look over all of these various reports and determine who will get construction dollars to actually build the school."

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located at 510 8th Ave. SW. Two men smashed the store's north-facing glass and stole a number of Gucci and Louis Vuitton handbags.

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## Calgarians rally to support Peshawar victims

Horrific toll. 141 killed, another 124 wounded in Tuesday's Taliban attack at a Pakistani school



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More than 150 people gathered in Calgary Tuesday to honour the 141 people killed — nearly all of them students — in a Taliban attack on a Pakistan school that has shocked the world.

Talal Paracha, who's originally from an area in Pakistan near Peshawar where the attack happened, said he wanted to attend to show his support for the people of his home country during the "dark times" they are going through.

He also said it was important to show Canadians that those who kill in the name of Islam do not represent his faith.

"We're Muslims as well and

it's sad to see people taking the name of our religion and killing people, especially children," Paracha said. "It's uncalled for. It's inhumane."

Hassan Babar fought back tears while he spoke to the crowd to "strongly condemn" the actions of the Taliban in Pakistan that even members of the Taliban in neighbouring Afghanistan decried as "un-Islamic."

Babar said he went to the Army Public School and College in Peshawar 10 years ago and his mother taught at the school for seven years but left two years ago.

"Ît's a dark day in my life," he said. "All my teachers are dead."

Tuba Rehman, 14, addressed the crowd and extended her "deepest condolences to all of the people who have lost their sibling, parents and cousins."

"It's really sad to know that these kids only went to school and they didn't come back,"



she said. "It scares me to know that they just went to get an education and I wonder what would happen if I went to school and that happened to me. It's really scary."



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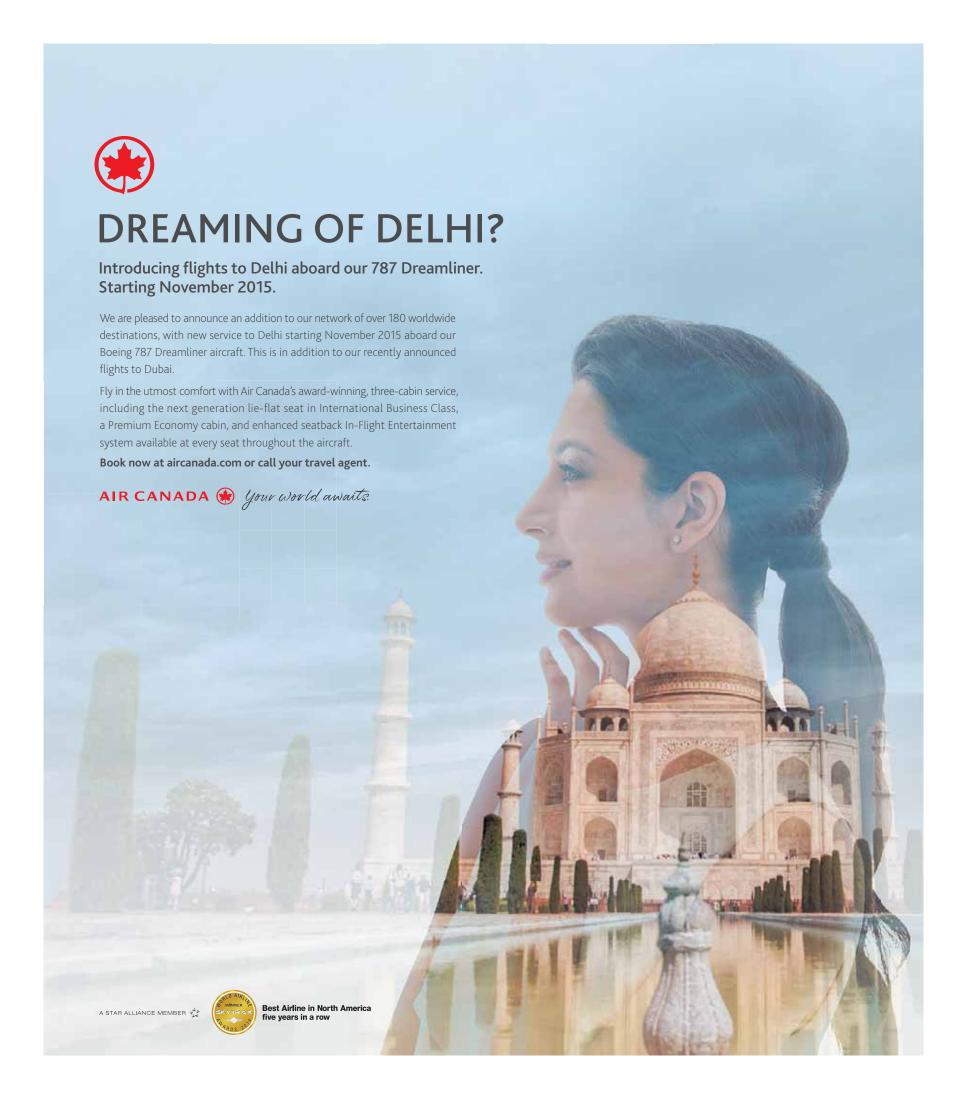
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## Threatened species. No 'concrete measures' to protect caribou: CPAWS

Woodland caribou in Alberta and across the country are suffering from a lack of government action to protect their habitats, according to a report from a wilderness conservation group published Tuesday.

The Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS) found that Manitoba and the Northwest Territories were the nolly two jurisdictions in Canada to implement "concrete measures ... that will protect boreal woodland caribou" in the past year, while the other 11 provinces and territories took no action.

Alison Ronson, executive director of CPAWS Northern Alberta, said the situation for caribou isn't much better in this province.

"Of the 13 boreal woodland caribou herds in Alberta, only one range plan has been started—for the Little Smoky herd in the West Central region of the province," she said in a release. "It is unknown whether range plans for the other herds will be completed by the 2017 deadline."

As Metro reported last

#### Around the country

Manitoba created a new park protecting about 1,000 square kilometres of habitat, while the N.W.T. listed woodland caribou as "threatened" under its new species-at-risk legislation.

 Quebec and Newfoundland, meanwhile, cut budgets allocated to caribou planning.

month, the Calgary Zoo has also backed out of a captive-breeding program once touted by the federal government as a "cornerstone" of its strategy to maintain the population of the threatened woodland caribou.

That program began in 2011 as a partnership between the zoo, Parks Canada and the province of British Columbia to bolster dwindling caribou herds in the mountain parks.

At that time, there were believed to be only 250 caribou in the mountain parks, compared to 800 a quarter-century earlier. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO



A woodland caribou is pictured in this image on the cover of the CPAWS

## 2010 case. Court rejects appeal by woman who shot and killed husband

Alberta's top court has dismissed an appeal by a woman convicted of killing her husband while they were putting up Christmas decorations.

Heather Wilson-Duncan testified at her trial that she accidentally shot Barry Duncan in their rural home near Didsbury in 2010.

The couple had been drinking heavily and were arguing over the decorations when Duncan fetched a shotgun and urged his wife to shoot him.

Court heard a 911 tape of

Wilson-Duncan telling a dispatcher that she thought her husband was joking and she didn't realize the gun was loaded when she pulled the trigger.

She was charged with second-degree murder, but a jury found her guilty of manslaughter and she was sentenced to four years.

Wilson-Duncan's appealed on grounds that the trial judge made several errors, but the Alberta Court of Appeal unanimously disagreed.

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## Grow Calgary to beautify its digs

#### Valley Ridge.

Cleanup project started in response to community concerns



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It may be early for spring cleaning, but after a long harvest, Calgary's urban farm is ready for a much-needed facelift.

After complaints from Valley Ridge residents in October, Grow Calgary gathered volunteers and support to clean up the farm. This is the first phase of the farm's plan to beautify grounds that will eventually include landscaping.

Christa McKegney, president of the Valley Ridge community association, said the response from Grow Calgary has been positive. There are many community members — including herself — interested in participating in the farm's work and Valley Ridge supports what the group is trying to do.

"They have taken the complaints from the few residents from before pretty seriously, which is really nice," said McKegney. "They've only been there for two summers, so it can't all happen in a day."

McKegney said since initial complaints she hasn't heard any negative feedback. The group is even featured in the community newsletter and she expects more community interest will be generated come spring, when the farm is up and growing again.

Paul Hughes of Grow Calgary said after a single session with about 15 volunteers, the cleanup is about 50 per cent complete. Most of the work is organizing supplies, consolidating and sorting through dona-

tions to see what can be used.

"We've been really focused on growing food and winter is our opportunity to clean up," Hughes said. "We want to be good community partners and good neighbours."

Shannon Franklin, who started volunteering when she heard about the earthship, was helping with last week's cleanlin.

"It's really easy when everything's green and lush and beautiful." Franklin said. "We hope that with these efforts we're going to be able to blend in a little more with the local community."

### No clear winner for school-zone signage

Traffic cones with reflective, spinning tops were the best of eight new ways Calgary studied to grab drivers' attention as they enter a school or playground zone, but none of the methods really stood out, according to a city report.

"The findings from the trial do not support city-wide implementation of any one traffic treatment," reads the report, due to be presented to city councillors Wednesday.

City staff tested eight different methods at 30 sites across Calgary, with six "do nothing" sites receiving no change to act as controls, and observed driver behaviour — both average speed and compliance — before and after.

For the top four methods, police then stopped and surveyed 212 drivers about whether they noticed the new devices.

The cones came out on top, with 96.3 per cent of drivers saying they attracted their attention. The "speed watch" program, which sees volunteers stand at the side of the road urging people to slow down, was next at 72.6 per cent. Road markings were third with 68.5 per cent.

The do-nothing sites, meanwhile, actually ended up seeing slower speeds and better driver compliance than five of the sites with new devices, which "indicates current education and awareness campaigns are effective," according to the report

Pedestrian advocate Dale

Calkins said things like cones and signs can help, but it's more effective to "design the road in a better way" with things like curb extensions and speed humps.

"Traffic calming is by far the most effective way to engineer compliance into a school zone," he said, adding that it's "disappointing" the city recently cut \$2 million from its active-modes budget, which includes funding such projects.

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## School delays exams due to online abuse

#### **Dalhousie University.**

Abusive comments on social media led to dentistry exams being moved to January for female students' safety

Dalhousie University has postponed exams at its dentistry school and launched an investigation after sexually violent comments were posted on a social media site about female students at the Halifax school.

University president Richard Florizone said Tuesday that the school has a responsibility to ensure it is free of harassment and it is looking at a range of options to deal with the allegations.

"People are deeply disappointed and concerned," he said following a meeting with deans at the school. "People find the language and the conversation entirely unacceptable."

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"They're specifically targeting certain women and they're talking about inciting sexualized violence and degradation on specific women."

Jackie Stevens of the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre in Halifax

The school said the comments were reportedly shared on a Facebook page, which has since been taken down. He said a complaint was brought to his attention by a student within the past week and it was being dealt with under the school's harassment policy. But Florizone said he became more involved when more information became public Monday.

Florizone said the school has postponed remaining fourthyear exams in the faculty of dentistry and will reschedule them in January, citing anxiety among students that has been caused by the Facebook page.

The university said it is talking to both those who were involved in creating the page and women who were featured on it. But Florizone said it wasn't yet clear what the consequences might be for the dentistry students who created it.

In its students' code of conduct, penalties for violating set behavioural expectations range from a warning to a suspension or expulsion.

Jackie Stevens of the Avalon Sexual Assault Centre in Halifax said the postings were particularly disturbing because they involved male students degrading their female peers.

"They're specifically targeting certain women and they're talking about inciting sexualized violence and degradation on specific women," she said.

She called on Dalhousie to take the incident seriously and look at the safety of students in the program while trying to increase respect for women in the faculty. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Better representation

#### Canada wants more women on bills: Survey

The results of a new online survey suggest many Canadians would like to see women better represented on bank notes.

The Bank of Canada poll asked for input on how bills could best reflect the country. Responses included more gender equality and a better celebration of women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

#### Medical pot

#### Feds lose bid to limit growing weed at home

The Conservative government has lost its latest attempt to prevent medical marijuana users from growing pot at home, with the Federal Court of Appeal unanimously voting to uphold an injunction exempting patients from an overhaul of the system.

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## **'Closure.'** Give mom Silver Cross for her son: Petition

The mother of a Canadian soldier who was sent a onepenny government cheque after her son killed himself after serving in Afghanistan deserves a Memorial Cross, supporters say in a petition.

They say it is unfair for military authorities to refuse to award Denise Stark the medal — often called the Silver Cross — for what they see as the service-related loss of Cpl. Justin Stark.

"It would be a sense of a closure, which we don't have, knowing that Justin's service would be recognized — a recognition that I feel is long overdue," Stark told The Canadian Press Tuesday from Hamilton.

The petition calls on Prime Minister Stephen Harper, Defence Minister Rob Nicholson, his predecessor Justice Minister Peter MacKay, and Veterans Afairs Minister Julian Fantino to intervene in what they call the "gross injustices" perpetrated on the family.

Stark, 22, a reserve soldier who served a seven-month deployment in Afghanistan. In October 2011, 10 months after his return to Canada, he killed



himself at the John Weir Foote Armouries in Hamilton.

A board of inquiry concluded in March that his tour in Afghanistan did not cause post-traumatic stress disorder — PTSD — which contributed to his suicide.

"It seems to us that any investigating body could not have determined one way or another that his death was or wasn't attributable to his military service," the petition states.

Stark and her husband Wayne stressed there would be no financial gain in getting the recognition they want.

"As a military mom I know first-hand the struggles of what PTSD has on a person and my heart hurts for how little help is really out there," she said on the petition. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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## Musi-Café reopens near old location

#### Lac-Mégantic.

Restaurant located near the site of the Quebec train disaster is open for business once again

The restaurant-bar at ground zero of the deadly train derailment and explosion that killed 47 people in Quebec in July 2013 is back in business.

The Musi-Café quietly opened its doors to the public in Lac-Mégantic on Monday, about 400 metres from the original site.

Owner Yannick Gagne said only three of his original employees have returned to work with him at his new establish-

"One of them is my chef, a friend," he told The Čanadian Press in a phone interview.

"I have a girl who worked for me for three or four years — she's coming back — and one of my good friends, Karine Blanchette, will handle all the artists who will come here."

At the time of the disaster, Blanchette told reporters two children were left orphans after one of her friends died in the tragedy.

Many of the 47 victims



were inside the Musi-Café when a runaway oil-tanker train rolled off the tracks and exploded in the heart of the

Gagne lost three workers in the blast and about a dozen have decided not to come back to work with him.

He now has a staff of about 20, which is five more employees than before.

Gagne also said that on Monday, not a lot of people showed up during the morning and that there was also a small crowd at lunch.

He added he believes the locals probably assumed the new place would be crowded.

Gagne, who had financing problems in the past, said the new restaurant-bar will cost \$1.5 million when all the bills are finally paid.

But he is getting financial

help.
"We have had confirmation that the federal government will be there to help us," he said.

"The provincial govern-ment has provided a loan, a financial bridge (and) we'll be able to finish the project and pay everybody."

Gagne is planning an official "red carpet and champagne" opening in February. THE CANADIAN PRESS





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## Taliban attack on Pakistani school kills 141 people, mostly children

Peshawar. Deadly attack at military-run school being claimed by a group called Téhréek-e-Taliban

Taliban gunmen stormed a military-run school in the northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Tuesday, killing at least 141 people, mostly children, before Pakistani officials declared a military operation to clear the school over.

The overwhelming majority of the victims were students at the school, which instructs grades 1 through 10. Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif condemned the assault and rushed to Peshawar to show his support for the victims.

As darkness fell on the area, officials said they had cleared the school of militants.

A Pakistani military spokes-



man, Asim Bajwa, said 141 people died in the attack — 132 children and nine staff members. He declared the operation over and said the

area had been cleared. An additional 121 students and three staff members were wounded.

He said seven attackers, all wearing explosives vests, all died in the assault. It was not immediately clear if the militants were all killed by the soldiers or whether they blew themselves up, he said.

Bajwa described an assault that seemed designed purely to terrorize the children rather than take anyone hostage to further

the militant group's aims.

"Their sole purpose, it seems, was to kill those innocent kids," he said.

The attack, claimed by the Tehreek-e-Taliban, a Pakistani militant group trying to overthrow the government, sent dozens of wounded flooding into local hospitals as terrified parents searched for their children.

In a phone call to reporters, Taliban spokesman Mohammed Khurasani claimed responsibility for the attack, saying the suicide bombers carried it out to avenge the killings of Taliban members at the hands of Pakistani authorities.

Peshawar has been the target of frequent militant attacks in the past but has seen a relative lull recently.

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#### **Malala mourns** victims of deadly áttack

Malala Yousafzai says she is "heartbroken" about the attack on a school in Pakistan that has claimed more than 125 lives, including many students.

The Nobel Peace Prize winner said in a statement Tuesday that "innocent children in their school have no place in horror such as this," adding that she and millions of others "mourn these children."

Malala said she stands "united" with the government and armed forces of Pakistan in their response to the attack.

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#### Season's Greetings from the Community **Disaster Outreach Team (CDOT)**

The holiday season is often a busy time for socializing, work, shopping and travelling. It can be a challenging time if you are also dealing with the lingering stress from experiencing a disaster, emergency, or extreme event. Here are some quick tips to help you take ACTION and limit your stress this holiday season.

- Activity Spend time in physical activities with family and friends.
- Communication Call, text, or email the supportive people in your life.
- Time for yourself Plan ahead to limit stress and leave time for fun.
- Identify your stressors Limit unnecessary tasks and ask for help.
- Optimism Some stress is normal. Look for the positive, and set realistic goals.
- Nutrition Try and limit caffeine, alcohol, tobacco, and fatty foods to make a difference to your energy and overall health.

(Adapted from Mental Health Promotion and Illness Prevention, 2003)

Our team offers disaster mental health education and training, wellness and preparedness workshops, and brief counselling at no charge.

Remember that recovery takes time and if you feel you want to talk about your stress you can contact us for free, short-term counselling and support.



Wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season, Community Disaster Outreach Team (403) 955 - 6019

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### System failed to 'adequately' monitor gunman: Aussie PM

Australia's prime minister acknowledged Wednesday that the nation's security system failed to keep track of a gunman responsible for a deadly siege at a Sydney cafe, and promised a transparent investigation into why the man was not on any terror watch list despite having a criminal history.

Man Haron Monis, a 50-yearold Iranian-born, self-styled cleric described by Prime Minister Tony Abbott as deeply disturbed, took 17 people hostage inside a downtown Sydney cafe on Monday. Sixteen hours later, the siege ended when police rushed in to free the captives. Two hostages were killed along with Monis.

"The system did not adequately deal with this individual," Abbott conceded on Wednesday. "Two very decent people are dead, others are injured, others are traumatized because of a madman who was roaming our streets."

Monis was convicted and sentenced last year to 300 hours of community service for sending what a judge called "grossly offensive" letters to families of soldiers killed in Afghanistan between 2007 and 2009. He was later charged with being an accessory to the murder of



his ex-wife. Earlier this year, he was charged with the 2002 sexual assault of a woman. He had been out on bail. Just three days before Monis

began his deadly rampage, Australia's highest court refused to hear his appeal against his convictions for sending the letters.

High Court documents show that Chief Justice Robert French and Justice Chief Stephen Gageler ruled at 9:50 a.m. on Friday that the full bench of their court would not hear Monis's constitutional challenge to his convictions. At 9:44 a.m. the next day, a shotgun-wielding Monis walked into the cafe.

Abbott said the government would publish a report on how the siege unfolded, why Monis

was not on the nation's terrorism watch list, and how he managed to obtain a shotgun in a country with strict gun ownership laws.

"We want to know why he wasn't being monitored given his history of violence, his history of mental instability and his history of infatuation with extremism," Abbott said.

New South Wales state police Commissioner Andrew Scipione said police had asked that Monis not be granted bail, but the court ruled otherwise.

Asked why Monis was not on any national security watch list, Scipione noted that the charges Monis faced were not politically motivated.

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#### Google trouble

#### Google News Spain shuts down

Google News in Spain shut down Tuesday in reaction to a Spanish law requiring news publishers to receive payment for content even if they are willing to give it away.

The company's Spanish Google News page, normally full of aggregated news content, vanished and was replaced by a message saying Google was "incredibly sad" to announce the closure plus a lockout of Spanish publishers from its more than 70 other Google News sites around the world.

#### Sony hack

### Hackers threaten moviegoers

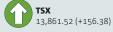
Hackers calling themselves Guardians of Peace made ominous threats Tuesday against movie theatres showing Sony Pictures' film The Interview, urging people to leave their homes if located near theatres showing the film.

The Interview is a comedy in which two television journalists become involved in a CIA plot to assassinate North Korean leader Kim Jong-un.

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#### Angry lawsuit to go ahead

Artist Juli Adams poses in her home and studio in Seattle in this Aug. 5 file photo, with one of her original drawings that a line of plush pet toys called "Angry Birds" was based on, and a copy of her licensing agreement with the Hartz Mountain Corporation. A U.S. federal judge has refused to dismiss her lawsuit, which argues Adams was cheated out of millions of dollars when the company that sold her line of Angry Birds toys reached a deal with the Finnish company that makes the insanely popular video game of the same name.

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## Privacy commissioner targets app policies

#### Data market.

Developers gather personal data more valuable than sales



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On Tuesday, Canada's privacy commissioner added his voice to a growing chorus asking mobile app stores to highlight how developers use data collected from customers.

Federal privacy commissioner Daniel Therrien was among 23 signatories to an open letter sent to seven app marketplaces, including Google Play and the Apple App Store. The letter urged merchants to make it mandatory for developers that sell apps in their stores to include links to their privacy policies.

"Links to privacy policies on the app marketplace appear to be optional, but we



think developers that collect personal information should be required to provide a link," Therrien said in a release. "Without this information, it's difficult for individuals to provide meaningful consent."

A recent study by Therrien's office found 85 per cent of mobile apps failed to explain adequately how they collect, use and share data collected from users.

"Developers are asking for information they have no real business accessing," said Christopher Parsons, a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Toronto's Citizen Lab. "If a flashlight app is asking to read your SMS messages, that's a step too far."

According to Parsons, many app developers participate in a "grey market" of personal information.

"The value is not in selling apps," he said. "The value is in collecting information about individuals and then turning around and selling it to third parties."

Requiring developers to include privacy plans along-side their apps "is a step in the right direction," Parsons said, but many policies are written in "boilerplate legalese," meaning even if they're available, many consumers won't be able to interpret them.

"What commissioners could do is say that if you're going to develop a privacy policy ... you should be providing a simple, accessible version of what you're doing," he said.

### **Crowdsourcing cash boosts Canadian startups**

There was \$1.3 million raised for high-fidelity wireless speakers, almost \$1.2 million for specialty drones and \$820,000 for smart-bikes.

In 2014, three tiny Canadian companies went from teetering in obscurity to making headlines on tech blogs around the world thanks to successful crowdfunding campaigns that spurred expo-

nential growth almost overnight.

"This is a really cool place for people to find new ideas and concepts," said Steve Tam, a marketing manager with Indiegogo Canada.

Mass Fidelity, headquartered just east of Toronto, turned to Indiegogo earlier this year. The company sought about \$55,000 to help get its Core wireless speaker system from the prototype stage into production.

To the Core team's astonishment, the modest crowdfunding campaign raised more than 25 times what the company was originally seeking, eventually surpassing \$1.3 million.

The second-most successful crowdfunding campaign

in Canada this year was for the PlexiDrone, targeted at photographers and videographers, which raised \$1.17 million after setting a goal of about \$115,000.

"We could've spent \$2 million on PR and marketing and we would not have gained the worldwide exposure that we have," said Klever Freire, chief executive of DreamQii,

the company that created the PlexiDrone.

The third-most successful Canadian campaign was for the Vanhawks Valour smartbike, which offers riders turnby-turn navigation, blind spot detection technology, and digital tracking of trips. More than \$820,000 was raised to get the bike into production.

#### Ban on powdered alcohol considered

Powdered alcohol hasn't even arrived in stores yet, but states already are moving to ban the product touted by its inventor as an easy way to mix a drink on the go.

Colorado is the latest state considering prohibiting "Pal-

cohol" amid concern it will increase underage drinking. The product is marketed as an ounce of rum or vodka in powdered form, which is then added to water.

Each serving is the equivalent of a shot of liquor, according to Lipsmark,

the company that owns Palcohol.

Palcohol's creator, Mark Phillips, said he thought of the idea because it would be easier to carry powder for a drink during a long hike or other outdoor activities.

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## SELFIES IN A TIME OF TRAGEDY

It's a predictable scenario: A tragic situation occurs, such as this week's hostage crisis in Sydney. Someone takes a selfie. Public outrage follows. But as Metro's Andrew Fifield writes, our discomfort with the selfie in times of trouble may have more to do with us than it does with some inherent moral failure of those who take the images



Events such as this week's tragedy in a Sydney café unfold in a depressingly familiar way.

Reports trickle out that something awful may be happening, but details are scarce, so we turn to social media for witnesses and those affected to fill in the gaps.

That's when the disaster selfies inevitably appear.

Some of the selfie snappers flash radiant smiles. Some of them look sufficiently solemn. All of them are criticized for making a mockery of tragedy, and that criticism is often off the mark.

Much of that criticism takes root in a misunderstanding that many, primarily older, people have about the selfie's relatively recent rise, namely that it's an inherently vain and narcissistic act.

That's absurd. Selfies are snapped for a laundry list of reasons: sharing a new shirt with friends, a wry reaction to the news, a quick self-esteem boost or a self-deprecating gag. And, yes, sometimes ego.

Whatever the reasons behind their creation, selfies have diffused into our alwayschanging culture. And many people are more comfortable

accepting a stereotype of a selfabsorbed generation with few goals outside of serial frivolity than they are with accepting that culture dares a shift without checking in with them

The former camp is home to the loudest voices condemning disaster selfies. If one already holds a view that selfies are little more than a selfadministered ego stroke, that sticks to the image itself. The preconceived notions of the person viewing it colour the motivations of the person who took it.

Strip away the emotion and what you have are witnesses capturing an event unfolding before their eyes. By putting themselves in the frame, they're providing an index. They're documenting their lives, just as they always doexcept this time, their lives overlap with a painful public event and when an information-starved media outlet picks it up, they're condemned for seeking a level of attention they never asked for.

Of course, there is a conversation to be had about taste, and rebukes aimed at more gleeful subjects are wellearned. And of course, some disaster selfie subjects may one day feel ashamed. Some of them may apologize. A few of

them may even mean it.

But the instant anger and its accompanying judgment of the photographer's intention are unfair and can promote the harm critics say they're trying to prevent.

Consider this: Every autumn, a certain generation devotes a chunk of November to mourning the loss of an assassinated U.S. president. Within that chunk is much misty reminiscence about where they were, who they were with, how they reacted ... even what they were wearing. The vast majority of them were nowhere near the shots. They're inserting themselves into the event.

Sound familiar? People vividly illustrating scenes of public trauma while putting themselves in the frame? The biggest difference is they're relying on memory — the only ubiquitous documentary tool available at the time.

It's a selfie without the technology.

Are those people simply relaying their views of history, as witnessed? Or are they representative of an irreparably narcissistic generation clinging to dwindling shreds of an era when culture put them front and centre?

There could be a lot to learn by answering that question.











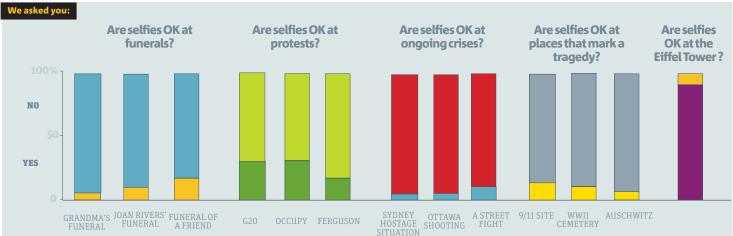


## Selfie as digital stamp



This is mine. My face is in it, see? In the lawless world of the Internet, selfies might be the only way to ensure others don't take credit for your images.

Photos posted online instantly become public property, even when photographers do their best to protect them. As a newspaper editor, I have seen watermarks skilfully removed, copyrighted images intentionally and unintentionally shared, and been in arguments over who receives credit for an image. Selfies remind me of sharing my childhood dinner table with two brothers. If you wanted a specific cut of meat, you had to lick it. This was considered so gross it ended all arguments and the meat became yours. Selfies have that same kind of influence. Hate them all you want, but selfies are the new digital signature.



#### **Controversial selfies**

- A woman made the front page of the New York Post last year for taking a selfie with a suicidal man being rescued from the Brooklyn Bridge behind her.
- A TV news reporter was fired for asking Anderson Cooper for a selfie at the scene of the Ottawa cenotaph shooting in October.
- Not even Obama is safe. He received scorn for posing for a selfie with the Danish and U.K. PMs at Nelson Mandela's funeral.



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### Mad man's no Superman: Jon snubs superhero gigs

With the glut of comic book movies coming out of the Marvel and DC universes with extensive releases already slated through 2020 — it's kind of surprising that lantern-jawed, deep-voiced Mad Men star Jon Hamm hasn't donned some tights by now. Well, it turns out it has not been for lack of trying on the studios' parts. Hamm tells the Radio Times that he's

"been in contention for quite a few" superhero films over the last few years, but has passed on them all.

"The deals that they make (actors) do are so Draconian," Hamm explains. "And of course you are signed on for not only the movie that you are signed on for ...

are going to have to do.' OK, fine. But now at least we can have fun speculating which roles he turned down. And no fair saying "all of them." Let's get creative here.

but at least two more that you

haven't read and you have no

idea what they are going to be

and all the crossover ones you

Fantasy franchise feminism fracas!

Looking for someone to take issue with Harry Potter star Emma Watson's UN address about feminism?

Well, Game of Thrones star Maisie Williams is happy to serve. The 17-year-old tells the Guardian that she's impatient with such "first-world feminism" and is looking to do more.

'A lot of what Emma Watson spoke about, I just think, 'That doesn't bother me," Williams says. "I know things aren't perfect for women in the U.K. and in America, but there are women in the rest of the world who have it far worse." Your move, Hermione

**Maisie Williams** 

#### Amy's near-tears apology leaked by Sony staff

With more leaked emails hitting the web every day, it should come as no surprise that Sony chief Amy Pascal gathered her employees this week at the studio's Culver City, Calif. lot to address the ongoing hacking scandal.

And it also shouldn't come as a surprise that we know about the apology because someone snuck out audio of it.

"It devastates me that something I did or said in a second would hurt any one of you and for that I am profoundly sorry," a "near tears" Pascal told staffers during a pair of meetings Monday,



according to the Hollywood

seemed mollified, telling the trade, "Amy made what sounded like a serious apology.

Reporter. At least one employee



#### Frozen director so sorry you just can't Let It Go

Parents, Frozen director Jennifer Lee feels your pain – and she's so, so sorry that she's unwittingly had a hand in inflicting it upon you. "A year ago, I'd meet people who when they found out who I

was they'd say, 'Oh, we love the songs! We sing them all the time," Lee tells the Hollywood Reporter. "Now they're like, 'Yep, we're still listening to those songs.' I've gone

#### **Bond** mixes martinis with marketing

Bond purists, rejoice. Belvedere Vodka has reportedly signed a multimillion-dollar product placement deal with Sony Pictures — and we didn't even find out via a leaked email! - to feature Daniel Craig's super-spy sipping their martinis in next year's Spectre, currently filming in London.

This wouldn't normally be news except that many 007 fans are still sore from the sight of Bond slugging back a Heineken in Skyfall.



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## Hobbit actors by the props they keep

**Movies.** Martin Freeman bagged Bilbo ears as The Hobbit trilogy wrapped



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The release of The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies brings Peter Jackson's trilogy to a close, and marks the end of a life immersed in Middle Earth for the actors. For several of the cast, it was a yearslong journey, and like any trip it's nice to pick up a souvenir as a keepsake.

According to director Peter Jackson, the actor who played the exiled dwarf king Thorin stole "the most boring thing in the world to steal," from the set of the penultimate film, The Desolation of Smaug: socks.

"I did steal every single pair of costume socks," said Richard Armitage, "because we were given a brand new



pair every day."

As production on The Battle of the Five Armies wrapped, Armitage was gifted with some more interesting props including the deadly goblin cleaver Örcrist, which he keeps in an umbrella stand, "cause I want to be stand, able to pick it up.'

Martin Freeman, who plays head Hobbit Bilbo Baggins, says he doesn't miss making the films — "I'm really proud to have done it," he says, "and I'm really glad to have done it, but I rarely miss jobs" - but kept his sword and prosthetic ears as mementos.

Unlike Freeman, Sir Ian McKellen does get sentimental when he reflects on making the movies because, "a lot of the audience seeing The Hob-

bit Part Three wouldn't have been born when we started filming it." After spending 13 years playing wise wizard Gandalf the Grey, he took two priceless props from the "Gandalf's staff, which I keep with umbrellas and walking sticks, and Gandalf's hat, which I keep in the basement.'

Many actors have pilfered props from their movies. Keira Knightley walked off with Elizabeth Bennet's striped socks from Pride & Prejudice. Elijah Wood has the One Ring from Lord of the Rings and Daniel Radcliffe liberated two pairs of Harry Potter's famous round glasses, even though there was a strict policy about taking props from the set.

'The ones from the first film are absolutely tiny now," he says, "but they are very sweet.

Kristen Stewart kept the engagement ring Édward Cullen gave her at the end of Twilight: Eclipse, and Zachary Quinto took the ears he wore as Spock in Star Trek: Into Darkness, but the strangest cinematic souvenir may belong to Mark Wahlberg.

The Academy nominee kept the prosthetic penis he wore as Dirk Diggler in Boogie Nights. "I used to keep it in my desk drawer," he said, "and I'd take it out and slap my friends in the face with it. I don't keep many things from my movies, but that just seemed to have personal significance.

Director. Peter Jackson

Stars. Benedict Cumberbatch, Richard Armitage

Peter Jackson's wraps up the Hobbit trilogy with a cluttered film short on story, but long on action scenes. Greedy dragon Smaug (Benedict Cumberbatch) is dispatched, but now an epic battle between Dwarf king Thorin Oakenshield (Richard Armitage), the Orcs and every other army in the area will decide the fate of Middle Earth. Heroes and villains abound, and while there isn't quite enough actual story to justify the two-hour-and-20-minute running time, the battle between good and evil is so primal, so elemental, you can't help but get involved



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#### Film awards



### Boyhood takes three top prizes

Richard Linklater's coming-of-age epic Boyhood has won three top prizes from the Toronto Film Critics Association, including best picture.

In addition, director Richard Linklater won best director and Golden Globe nominee Patricia Arquette won best supporting actress.

In other categories, Marion Cotillard won best actress for The Immigrant, Tom Hardy took best actor for Locke, J.K. Simmons was named best supporting actor for his spirited performance in Whiplash, and Wes Anderson's The Grand Budapest Hotel won best screenplay. THE CANADIAN PRESS

## Saying good night to the Museum tour

**Movies.** For Ben Stiller, The Secret of the Tomb is his last of the franchise



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Metro World News in Hollywood

The third film in the Ben Stiller-starring Night at the Museum series, The Secret of the Tomb, has been billed as its final instalment. But given the success of the family-friendly franchise, isn't it a bit hasty to just call it like that? "I don't know. I mean, I'm pretty sure it is (the end) for me," Stiller says. "And that was one of the things going into it, by allowing it to be that, it allowed us to tell this story, which I think is my character sort of saying goodbye."

Of course, Stiller is savvy enough to know never to say never in Hollywood. "You never know these days with reboots and number fours," he jokes. "Maybe Edward Norton will show up in the next one. As the Hulk or something. It's one of those things where, I



don't know, I won't say never, but it felt to me like that's what made sense to me at this time."

For the new instalment, Stiller and crew went to London's British Museum for filming, which was a treat in and of itself. "They had to be OK with what we were doing there because they'd never let anyone film there before," he says. "We didn't go to any

special rooms or anything like that, but the Hall of Enlightenment there is pretty amazing. We basically got to spend a few nights there. The Rosetta Stone for me was the big thing that I was impressed with. That was our start mark — like, 'OK, let's go again, take two, back to the Rosetta Stone.' I even tweeted out a picture of me and Robin (Williams) standing next to it. Just

the coolest thing ever."

And maybe this really is the end of the franchise, because Stiller has already taken home a keepsake. "I took the tablet home when we wrapped the movie. So I'm keeping my fingers crossed that something might happen," he says of the enchanted prop. "We'll see what happens, if anything comes to life in my house at night. I'm going to keep it in

#### Reality Bites turns 20

Speaking of sequels, has Stiller ever entertained the idea of revisiting the world of Reality Bites, his first film as a director that recently turned 20 years old? Well, not exactly.

- "We actually talked about possibly doing a TV series, but we didn't end up doing it," Stiller reveals.
- "I think it's probably for the best that we didn't do it, but it was an interesting idea to revisit it. I don't know if I would do a sequel to it. It would be kind of weird."

our little guest house. I have another cool memento from a movie, which are Tom Cruise's arms from Tropic Thunder, the Les Grossman arms? They're super-cool, these crazy, hairy arms with a crushed Diet Coke can in them. So maybe, who knows, the tablet might bring the arms to life at night."



How-to

#### Travelling with a purpose

1. Education, health, infrastructure, human rights — what cause is closest to your heart?
2. Research all the programs available. Decide whether to go with a well-known organization or something smaller that's just starting up.
3. Pay attention to where each group's money is going and how the local community benefits.
4. Think about how your skills and experience can best benefit your hosts. What do they need?
5. Talk to as many former volunteers as possible. What did they do? Would they do it again?
6. Be prepared to adapt — to living conditions, the weather, everything.

7. Visit CharityNavigator.org, Reliefweb.int, Idealist.org and GiveWell.org for more.

OUG WALLACE

#### Deal

### Cruise credit and upgrades

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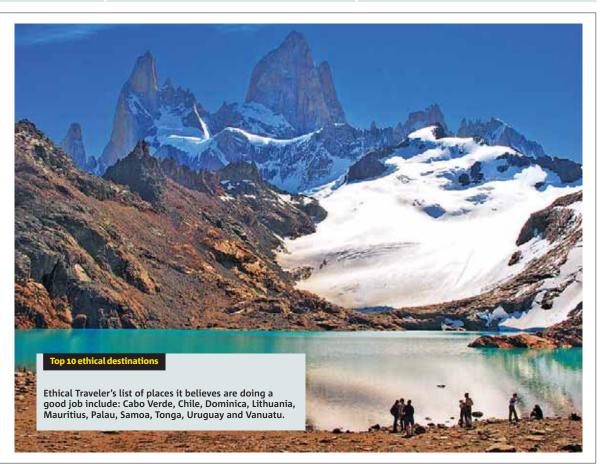
## Understand your travel insurance

In the wake of the "million-dollar baby" from Saskatchewan that was born in Hawaii comes a report from the Travel Health Insurance Association. It states that more than 95 per cent of Canadians who make travel insurance claims receive the payout. The problem with the other 5 per cent is inadvertently (or deliberately) giving inaccurate health info to travel insurance providers. Get your doctor involved in your medical questionnaire to avoid the drama — not to mention the \$1M. Visit thiaonline.com.

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## Top spots for ethical travellers

Travellers with a social conscience are being encouraged to visit places like Chile (pictured here), Samoa, Tonga and Mauritius, destinations that have been deemed among the most ethical in the world. After reviewing the national policies and practices of developing countries, editors at Ethical Traveler selected the destinations they feel are doing the best job of promoting human rights, preserving the environment and supporting social welfare. In addition to applauding countries that are doing a solid job on all three fronts, the list also serves as a guideline for globetrotters looking to travel with a clean conscience and give them confidence that their tourism dollars are supporting economies that are on the right track. "By visiting these countries, we can use our economic leverage to reward good works and support best practices," says Ethical Traveler. This year, eight of the 10 countries are island nations, including newcomers such as Vanuatu, Samoa and Tonga. Chile and Uruguay are the only mainland winners, AFP





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Not just for spring break

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#### Cancun. Destination offers something for foodies, volunteers and adventure-seekers

#### VAWN HIMMELSBACH

Cancun, which attracts more than 11 million visitors each year, is well-known for its party scene and nightlife.

But it's much more than "spring break" destination, said Jesus Almaguer, CEO of the Cancun Convention and Visitors Bureau. Indeed, it's emerging as a destination for foodies, volunteers and adventure seekers.

"(Visitors) don't just want great beaches ... they also want amazing food," he said.

It should be noted, however, that Cancun has three 'Blue Flag"

beaches, meaning they meet criteria for water quality, security and infrastructure.

The area offers four AAA Diamond award-winning restaurants, including Le Chique in Azul Sensatori, which recently received the award for the first time, and top eateries that focus on world cuisine and even Yucatecan fare - an ode to destination's cultural roots

Almaguer recommends La Habichuela Sunset for Yucatecan fare, Taco Queto in Holbox for some of the best local street food, and Las Nubes Hotel in Isla Holbox for tamarind margaritas and freshly caught ceviche. To taste Mexico's wines, head to the underground cellar in Xcaret.

Voluntourism is another big trend, and Cancun offers a variety of community programs for those who want to volunteer while on vacation. Tour operator Travel Future, for example, has several voluntour op-tions, from making

- · Cancun has only been in existence since 1970.
- Cancun is a Mayan word that means "nest of serpents."
- More whale sharks gather in Cancun than any other place in the
- Cancun's waters are home to part of the Mesoamerican Reef, the second largest reef in the world after the Great Barrier Reef in Australia.
- Cancun's sand is made from crushed coral and is cool to the touch, so you won't burn your feet.

piñatas with intellectually disadvantaged youth to releasing sea turtle hatchlings into the sea.

More visitors are looking to get off the resort these days.

"Many visitors are now planning trips to Isla Mujeres to experience a laid-back Caribbean island or to Puerto Morelos to explore the small fishing village and taste the freshly caught seafood it is known for," Almaguer said. "Also, Isla Holbox is becoming a romantic getaway for couples who want to get away from it all and spend alone time with incredible island views

Isla Holbox is a small island about two hours north of Cancun, home to several boutique hotels (you won't find a hotel with more than 40 rooms), sand-paved roads, and a laid-back Caribbean vibe - there are no cars here, only golf carts and bikes. Holbox is also known for its calm waters (ideal for windsurfing) and the annual whale shark migration

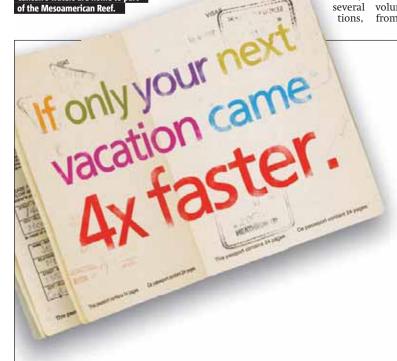
in its waters. Adventure-seekers can swim with whale sharks, the largest species of fish in the world.

'These fish are the size of a school bus, yet are not aggressive and only feed on plankton," Almaguer said.





waters, which are ideal for dsurfing. PHOTOS COURTESY OF THE VENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU





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The Blue Danube is greyish-brown, and no, Viennese do not wear lederhosen. But beyond the clichés surrounding the Austrian capital, there are plenty of sights and experiences to enjoy in this city, which — if it didn't coin the word gemuetlichkeit (cosiness) — certainly lives it. Vienna traditionally tops surveys as the world's most livable metropolis. In the summer, horse-drawn carriages ply chestnut tree-lined boulevards and parks gussied up with elaborate floral arrangements. And when the seasons turn, Christmas markets transform the city into a winter wonderland. Winter or summer, the air is clean — and oh, that architecture! Here are a few things you can enjoy in Vienna if you happen to find yourself there this season.

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#### **Cemeteries**

A tip for those looking for something different: Viennese are said to have a morbid fascination with death. They coined the phrase "a schoene Leich" — or "a beautiful corpse," reflecting their preference for an open coffin at wakes with the departed dressed in his or her best. There's no better time and place to get a taste of Vienna's melancholy love affair with death than a winter visit to the sprawling Central Cemetery in the 11th district. Getting there will cost you a tram ticket (streetcar lines 6 or 71 from downtown), but you can spend hours touring ornate headstones and mausoleums, some hundreds of years old, for free. Particularly interesting for music lovers: Brahms and Beethoven are buried here, along with the Strauss dynasty, famous for the Vienna waltz.



## Free things to do in Vienna during the holidays



#### The New Year's path

The "Silvesterpfad" tour through the inner city on New Year's Eve attracts hundreds of thousands. Revellers winding through a marked route through downtown Vienna can groove to rock, pop, Latino soul, funk, disco, jazz and classical music at 12 stages or spend time at another dozen attractions set up along the way for the occasion. There's food galore, along with alcohol, but while the evening gets loud, it is seldom rowdy — at least until midnight. Visitors ending up at St. Stephen's Square, be forewarned: Thousands of firecrackers transform the square into a near war-zone as they explode under your feet and fireworks light up the night sky with booms of their own.



#### **Christmas markets**

Nothing will put you more in the mood for the festive season than the Christmas markets big and small dotting the city. Choices range from the more than 150 wooden huts set up in front of the neo-Gothic City hall, to markets often no bigger than a few booths. Among the hundreds of goods on offer are tree lights, candles, ornaments and musical Christmas toys. Much of it is mass-produced, but some are little treasures, created by local artisans. The smell of bratwurst, thick goulash soup, hot mulled wine and other comfort food and drink mingles with the crisp winter air. For families, the City Hall venue — complete with a huge Christmas tree, the surrounding park festooned with lights, and children's workshops inside for cookie baking and ornament making — is a must. More intimate markets include the Christmas Village between the museums of fine arts and natural history and the traditional market at Freyung Square, which dates back to the 18th century. For partiers, the market by the Old General Hospital in the ninth district is an annual favourite.



#### The view

Vienna's best-known vantage points both offer fantastic views of Vienna — and on clear days, beyond, to the pastures, vineyards and forests surrounding the city. For the strong of foot, an upward hike from the city's 19th district takes you to Kahlenberg with its viewing platform overlooking the panorama below. The Cobenzl, with its own vineyard, is situated on a hill neighbouring the Kahlenberg and can also be reached on foot — or for the less ambitious, via the 38A bus.



#### The water

The Viennese take it for granted but elsewhere it is rapidly becoming a rare commodity: crystal-clear water drunk straight from the tap. Vienna gets its water supply from alpine springs, some fed by glaciers, transported for over 160 kilometres without the aid of pumps or other mechanical means. It's a taste treat better than any bottled water, and hundreds of fountains provide it free in the summer. In the cold season, a glass of free Viennese water comes without asking with your cup of the local coffee, at least in most establishments.



## Che's son offers revolutionary tour

Unique travel. Hop on a Harley and write your own Motorcycle Diaries with this trip hosted by Ernesto Guevara

The youngest son of Cuban revolutionary Che Guevara has opened an agency offering two-wheel tours of the Caribbean island nation on Harley-Davidsons, in a nod to his father's passion for motorcycles.

The Marxist guerrilla's storied motorbike journey through South America was immortalized in the 2004 film Motorcycle Diaries, directed by Brazil's Walter Salles and starring Mexican actor Gael Garcia Bernal.

The trip, spanning from December 1951 to July 1952, took the 23-year-old revolutionary through Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela.

Now, Ernesto Guevara wants to honour his father's famous ride by giving visitors to Cuba a unique trip through the country on Harley-Davidson motorcycles.

Prices start at \$3,000 US per person and go up to \$5,800 US for six- or nineday trips. Airline costs are not included.

Itineraries give visitors a glimpse of "the varied landscapes of this beautiful island," while also offering "intimate contact

with a part of the history of a unique revolution," according to the website of La Poderosa Tours, run by 49-year-old Ernesto, who is also a lawyer.

The company promises a luxury visit, including stays at five-star hotels and a visit to Che's mausoleum.

"We will make your trip a unique experience, an unforgettable memoir. We will personally take care of every detail during your journey," the

website says. The company's name comes from Che's own moniker for the British Norton 500 motorbike rode through South America with Argentine companion

Alberto Granado.
That trip left
a strong impress i o n

a strong is i on on the young guerrilla, who was preparing to graduat tefrom medical school at the time.



La Poderosa Tours goes to lengths to

goes to lengths to emphasize its revolutionary roots. One of the guides is Camilo Sanchez — son of Cuban guerrilla Antonio Sanchez Diaz, also known as "Marcos" — a fighter killed during a 1967 battle.

The tour also includes a visit to Che's base in colonial Havana and a trip to Santa Clara, a city 270 kilometres east of Havana that was the site of a key 1958 battle.

This Che Guevara statue stands in Santa Clara, Cuba.



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#### **Dessert or host gift.**

#### **Peanut Butter Rum Balls**



1. In a large bowl, combine the icing sugar, cookie crumbs, butter, coconut, peanuts, peanut butter, sugar and rum until well blended.

**2.** Shape mix into 3/4-inch (2 cm) balls and roll in granulated sugar, sprinkles or chopped almonds. Place in airtight container lined with waxed paper and refrigerate. **EMILY RICHARDS** 

#### Ingredients

- 2 1/2 cups (625 ml) icing sugar2 cups (500 ml) chocolate cookie
- 1 cup (250 ml) butter, softened
- 1 cup (250 ml) flaked coconut
- 3/4 cup (175 ml) finely chopped peanuts
- 1/2 cup (125 ml) smooth natural peanut butter
- 1/3 cup (75 ml) granulated sugar
- 2 tbsp (30 ml) rum
- Granulated sugar, sprinkles and chopped almonds, to garnish

## When tradition trumps trends

#### **Christmas Shortbread.**

The quintessential holiday cookie comes together quickly and can be personalized



DINNER EXPRESS Emily Richards food@metronews.ca

I make this very simple shortbread each year and have done different things with it. I have added vanilla extract, dried lavender, crystallized ginger, grated orange rind, coloured sugar and even dipped it in chocolate. No matter what I do with it, it still is a family favourite.

1. In a stand mixer or large

#### Ingredient

- 2 cups (500 ml) butter, very soft but not melted
- 1 cup (250 ml) icing sugar
- 1/2 tsp (2 ml) vanilla extract
- bowl using hand mixer, beat butter until it looks white and very fluffy. Beat in icing sugar and vanilla. Beat in 1 cup (250 ml) of flour at a time until it becomes very stiff and then using hands bring the dough togeth-

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 $smooth\ dough.$ 

This recipe makes about 5 dozen cookies (depends on size of cookie cutter you use). EMILY RICHAI

2. Divide dough in half and roll out on floured surface to desired thickness (I like mine a bit thicker) and using your favourite cookie cutters cut out shapes and place on parchment

paper-lined baking sheets. Repeat with remaining dough and continue to re-roll the dough until you use it up.

**3.** Bake at 375 F (190 C) for about 12 minutes or until edges are just a hint of golden brown.

## • 4 cups (1 l) all purpose flour hands bring the dough together and knead slightly to make

## Festive season in a glass

1. In a large saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the milk and vanilla bean. Bring just to a boil, then let stand off the heat for 10 minutes. Scrape the seeds from the vanilla bean into the milk and discard the pod.

**2.** In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the egg yolks, sugar and cornstarch until light and lemon coloured, about 2 minutes. With the mixer on, slowly add about half the warm milk in a stream. Add the egg mixture to the remaining milk in the saucepan. Set the pan over moderately low heat. Stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, heat until the mixture coats a spoon when you run your finger through it and registers 160 F, 15 to 20

#### Eggnog Ingredients

- 4 cups whole milk
- 1 vanilla bean, split lengthwise
- 12 large egg yolks
- 3/4 cup sugar
- 1 tbsp cornstarch2 cups heavy cream
- 3/4 cup bourbon, brandy or rum
- Freshly grated nutmeg, to



3. Quickly strain the custard through a mesh strainer into a clean bowl. Stir in the cream and bourbon, then cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate until well chilled.

**4.** To serve, ladle into cups and top each portion with freshly grated nutmeg.

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## My boss caught me Buellering



Dear Metro, I recently called in sick to work so I could catch up on errands. Then, while I was out doing some afternoon shopping, I saw my boss walking on the other side of the road. There's no way to confirm she saw me, but the vibe has been weird since. I'm worried that I broke her trust, but I also don't want to make things worse by bringing it up. How can I clear the air? - Remorseful Truant

Dear RT,

Your boss' reaction will probably depend on your track

First-time Ferris Buellers won't rouse suspicion — after all, an employee who is legitimately too ill to work could

still be well enough to run errands. But if you've left enough faux-sniffly voicemails to teach Flu Faking 101, your boss has likely been onto you for a while.

At this point, don't dig deeper into your ploy. You've told one lie — telling more (e.g. loudly and theatrically complaining about how you "still feel weak") won't help. Chances are your boss has feigned phlegm at some point in her career, and will forgive once-in-a-blue-moon hooky.

However, if your offence is symptomatic of more viral professional deceit, it might be time for a dishonesty detox.

Work hard, and don't call in sick again until you're actually coughing.

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## Presents for every point in the professional pursuit

Career. Need gift ideas for the job-seeker in vour life? Consider the many stages of the hunt

MICHELLE **SAMMUT** 

Students, young professionals and life-long employees alike are building their career stories. This year, give gifts that will help them realize their potential.

The goal-setting stage

Every journey has to start somewhere, and a career path is no exception. Goalsetting can be helpful to those starting their job hunt: The technique can guide professional aspirations and inspire tangible actions.

A great gift for someone at this stage of the job hunt would be a leather-bound notebook - perfect for pinning down goals and mapping out action plans. Look for a notebook that can easily fit into the pocket of a briefcase, handbag or backpack. Having your goals on hand can be a great reminder of all that you hope

The networking stage

When you're looking for meaningful work, networking is a smart way to get cracking.

Informational interviews are a useful networking opportunity for anyone looking gain valuable insight into a possible career path, field or employer.

These meetings give a job-seeker an opportunity to explore different options, build professional relationships and ask career-related questions to someone working in their area of interest.

One gift idea for someone in the networking stage would be a coffee shop gift

Informational interviews are meant to be quick, casual meetings scheduled during



the workday - a 20-minute conversation that goes well with a warm beverage.

The interview stage

Landing an interview is a major achievement, and feeling prepared for the big day can play a big part in eventual success.

A great gift idea for someone at this stage of the job hunt? A tablet.

Regardless of industry, employer or job level, making a good impression in an interview is at the top of everyone's wish list. A tablet is an innovative and memorable way to showcase who you are, what you've done and what you're capable of.

Creative job? Load your digital portfolio onto your device for easy presentation.

Results-driven industry? Use visuals (like graphs or charts) to demonstrate your achievements.

So long as the information being presented is relevant to the conversation, using a tablet can help to support your points.

#### The new job stage

Whether someone has been at a job for a few days or a few months, being set for success is key.

One idea? A portable battery charger can be a much-needed confidence boost for someone who is always on the go. Relying on mobile devices is part of the modern job hunt, and with one of these on hand, you can access all

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the resources you need (directions, contact info, urgent emails) no matter their battery life.

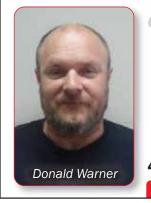
A sleek business card holder can enhance a jobseeker's personal image. Having a safe, secure place to keep business cards can help to ensure they're always prepared to network, whether at a formal event or an impromptu meeting.

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## Making your first work day work for you

**Career.** Have you got the new job jitters? Don't call it quitters!

LAUREN MARINIGH

Let's face it, whether you're starting a new job or starting your first day of school, first-day nerves can make every challenge just a little bit harder to face.

Fear of the unknown can be incredibly intimidating. Will you like the job? Will people like you? Will you make friends? What if you get lost? With a million questions running through your head, it's easy to get distracted and make mistakes.

Ready to calm your nerves and ace your first day?

#### Be prepared

Make sure you have all the things you will need in order to be successful. This can include your paperwork for human resources, a lunch in case you can't find something that suits your palate nearby, a pen and notebook in case you need to jump right into things — obvious and useful

resources that help you manage some common curveballs.

If you aren't entirely sure what to bring on your first day, shoot an email to the hiring manager and ask. They'll probably appreciate your enthusiasm. Knowing exactly where you are going and who you are meeting will also help. Map your route ahead of time to get to work, and leave extra time in case there are traffic or transit issues.

You may even want to do a test run of your route before the first day if you don't know how long it's going to

#### Know what to wear

This is a common hang-up when you start any new role. If you didn't have a chance to observe the dress code when you were visiting for an interview, ask human resources beforehand.

This will help settle your anxiety about what's appropriate and ensure that you don't show up underdressed.

It's absolutely alright to overdress on your first day. Once you're more comfortable with the dress code, you can mix up your wardrobe to reflect a little more of your personal taste.

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#### Answer the unanswered

Have questions? Get answers. Whether you need to do some research, talk to someone within the organization, or even contact the hiring manager again, don't be afraid to pursue your questions.

It's totally natural to have questions when you start a new job — and since every organization is different,

there's no such thing as a stupid question. People don't expect you to know everything when you're new, so ask away.

Many questions can be answered by doing a simple Google search or spending more time on the company's website. With this approach, you'll learn more about the organization, too.

#### Don't forget to breathe

You interviewed for this position, or company, and you deserve a spot here.

 They would not have hired you otherwise. Remind yourself of that, and give yourself a pep talk to get through the doors on your first day.

 If you go in with an open mind, and give yourself permission to learn as you go, you'll quickly find that your nerves take a back seat.



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#### Flames continue to flounder against Rangers

New York Rangers goalie Henrik Lundqvist kicks away a shot from Flames forward David Jones during the second period of Tuesday night's game in Calgary. The Flames fell 5-2, their sixth straight loss.

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## Crouse's balance could suit Canucks

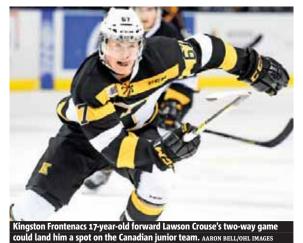
#### Team Canada.

Forward's size and defensive prowess could complement stars' skills

Lawson Crouse looks around the ice and knows he's in unfamiliar territory. The youngest player in Canada's world junior camp hasn't skated alongside many of these teammates before because he's only 17.

But on an older team that will feature more than a dozen 19-year-olds, Crouse is part of the youth contingent that must factor in for Canada to live up to expectations as the favourite on home ice. Aside from projected No. 1 pick Connor McDavid, Crouse the only other 2015 NHL draft-eligible player at camp but isn't intimidated by that.

"It's a different experience for myself, but I think I'm making the most of it right



now," Crouse said. "Being a bigger body kind of helps. I'm bigger out there, so I kind of have a little bit more of an advantage to the smaller guys."

Crouse, who is six-footfour and 211 pounds, brings a strong two-way game that could land him a solid spot on the 22-man roster.

While this Canadian lineup is long on pure skill and speed, Crouse prides himself on his defensive game.

"I've figured out that it's not always about offence,

#### Quoted

"He's physically strong for 17 years old, skates well, plays with poise, and we like what he brings to the table."

Canadian junior team head coach Benoit

but you have to manage both sides of the game," the Mount Brydges, Ont., native said Tuesday. "I'm obviously not going to be the guy that puts up 100 points. I'm going to do what I can and contribute all over the ice."

Last spring Crouse led Canada's under-18 summer team to gold at the Ivan Hlinka Memorial Cup by scoring a team-high six goals. Crouse also scored the game-winner to help Canada win bronze at the U-18 world champion-ships in April.

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#### NHL

#### Panthers top Caps in longest ever shootout

Nick Bjugstad scored the game-winning goal in the longest shootout in NHL history to lift the Florida Panthers over the Washington Capitals 2-1 on Tuesday night.

Bjugstad's goal came in the 20th round — on the 40th shot of the shootout and beat Braden Holtby on the right side. The previous NHL record was 15 rounds, when the New York Rangers beat Washington on Nov. 26, 2005.

The Panthers outscored the Capitals 6-5 in the tiebreaker; the six goals were the most ever in a shootout. Jussi Jokinen, Dave Bolland, Derek MacKenzie, Sean Bergenheim and Dylan Olsen were also successful for Florida. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### NBA

#### Grizzlies snap Warriors' 16-game run of victories

Marc Gasol scored 24 points, and the Memphis Grizzlies snapped the Golden State Warriors' NBA-best 16-game winning streak with a 105-98 victory on Tuesday night.

Mike Conley and Zach Randolph each scored 17 points, and Randolph grabbed 10 rebounds as Memphis earned its fifth straight win. Vince Carter added a season-high 16 points, and Jon Leuer had 11. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### World Cup bids

### Prosecutor loses appeal vs. FIFA

Russia and Qatar appear to be the big winners on the day American prosecutor Michael Garcia lost his appeal against FIFA.

Garcia had objected to ethics judge Joachim Eckert's summary of his World Cup bid investigation into the 2018 and 2022 hosting votes, claiming there were "numerous materially incomplete and erroneous representations" of his report. The appeals committee of soccer's governing body ruled Tuesday that Garcia was unable to challenge Eckert's summary because they were only Eckert's opinions. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Former WADA chair

## Panel 'not there to whitewash anything': Pound

Former World Anti-Doping Agency chairman Dick Pound vowed exemption Tuesday as he leads an investigation into allegations of systematic doping in Russia.

"We're there to get the facts," said Pound. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### League Cup

#### Chelsea beats Derby County to reach semis

Chelsea swept into the semifinals of the English League Cup on Tuesday, goals by Eden Hazard, Filipe Luis and Andre Schuerrle in a 3-1 win at a second-tier Derby County, managed by former England coach Steve McClaren. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



#### Club World Cup

#### Benzema and Bale send Madrid to the final

Goals from Karim Benzema and Gareth Bale helped Real Madrid coast to a 4-0 victory over Cruz Azul of Mexico on Tuesday and to the final of the Club World Cup.

Sergio Ramos and Francisco "Isco" Alarcon also scored for Madrid in Morocco. The ASSOCIATED PRESS

#### Blue Jays

### Morrow leaves for Padres: Report

Brandon Morrow formalized his departure from Toronto on Tuesday, reportedly signing an incentive-laden, one-year deal with the San Diego Padres.

Morrow spent five years in Toronto, marked initially by promise, but eventually derailed by injury. Torstar News Service

## A-Rod moved off hot corner

Yankees. GM Cashman hopes vet becomes a 'tremendous DH'

Yankees general manager Brian Cashman says Alex Rodriguez's days as an everyday fielder are over. At best, he hopes A-Rod will be New York's full-time designated hitter.

Cashman confirmed Tuesday that Chase Headley will be the Yankees' starting third baseman after he and the team agreed to a \$52 million, four-year contract this week.

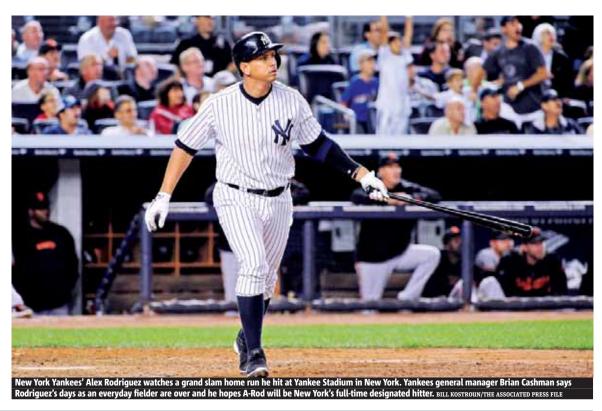
Coming off a season-long suspension for violations of baseball's drug agreement and labour contract, Rodriguez will be relegated to a DH role in manager Joe Girardi's lineup. Cashman said the three-time MVP will have to compete with Martin Prado for time as Headley's backup at third.

"I can't expect Alex to be anything," Cashman said during a telephone interview with The Associated Press. "I've got to think the worst and hope for the best. Even before the suspension, he wasn't the same player at third base on the defensive or offensive side. And that was before the suspension.

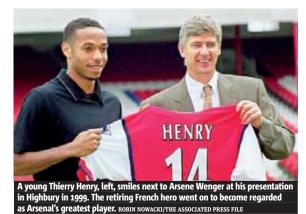
"And now he's been out of the game for a year. He's approaching 40 years of age. And just to automatically assume given his circumstances that he'll be able to plug right in, play third as an everyday guy and hold up and be productive, I think that would be dangerous thinking from my perspective, in the seat I'm sitting in."

Rodriguez turns 40 in July and has not played a full season since 2007 because of leg injuries, operations on both hips and the suspension.

"So given all that circumstance, we look forward to him hopefully solidifying himself as a tremendous DH for us, and if he shows he has retained athleticism, then he can play third as a choice when Joe decides to give Headley a rest," Cashman said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



## Henry hangs up his boots, takes TV gig in Britain



In announcing the end of a distinguished 20-year career, Thierry Henry made it clear where he felt more cherished.

It wasn't France, for which he won the 1998 World Cup, remains the national team's leading goal-scorer, and secondmost capped player.

Henry, who speaks French, English and Spanish, decided to announce his retirement by posting a message in English on his Facebook page, and via a statement from his future employer, Sky Sports in Britain.

"The English have made a statue of him, but in France, he has not always been recognized at his full worth," said Frederic Thiriez, the president of the French league. "(He) will, nonetheless, remain a legend. He was an exceptional striker."

The statue of Henry, on his knees celebrating a goal, stands outside the home stadium of Arsenal, where he is regarded as the Gunners' greatest player.

The 37-year-old Henry was linked to a potential coaching role with Arsenal after ending his career at the New York Red Bulls, but said he will become a TV analyst.

Henry holds the French record of 51 goals in 123 internationals, but he never achieved the same popularity as Zinedine Zidane, Michel Platini, Raymond Kopa or even Just Fontaine.

He started his career at Monaco, played briefly for Juventus, and won more trophies at Barcelona. But it's at Arsenal, from 1999 to 2007, where he joined the pantheon of modern greats.

He won seven trophies at Arsenal, among them two Premier Leagues, including the unbeaten 2003-04 side. He is their leading goal-scorer all-time (228), in the Premier League (175) and in Europe (42).

#### Memorable player

Other feats of Thierry Henry:

- 26 goals. In the 1999-2000 season, he scored 26 goals for Arsenal. He became the Premiership top scorer four times.
- Handball. In a decisive 2010 World Cup qualifier, France sent Ireland home with a goal allowed by the ref despite Henry having handled the ball before assisting William Gallas.

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- Type. Four-door, fivepassenger midsize sedan
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- Transmission. CVT, (continuously variable)
- Price. \$28,410 base, \$34,500 as tested

#### Market position

While the Prius lineup has expanded with a wagon, plug-in and subcompact models, the Camry remains focused on buyers who prefer their hybrids to look and feel more like conventional cars

#### Points

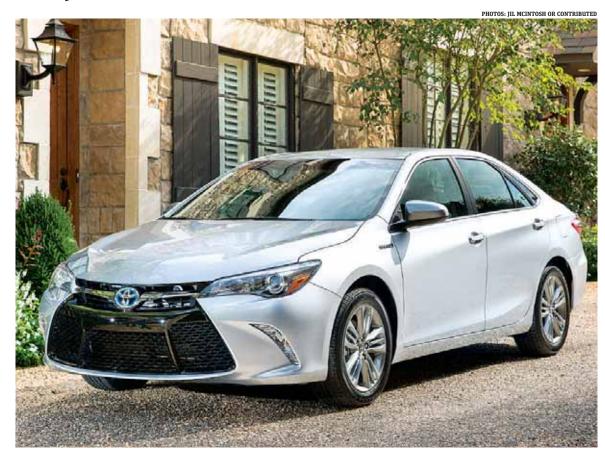
- In the top XLE trim, the hybrid costs more than the gas-powered four-cylinder XLE, but slightly below the six-cylinder model.
- All trims include Bluetooth, rearview camera, dual-zone automatic climate control, automatic headlamps, and a power driver's seat.
   Selectable Eco mode re-
- duces power and climate control to boost fuel efficiency.



#### Interesting features

Low-speed electric-only driving mode, standard rearview camera, available text-to-speech capabilities, blind-spot monitor, cross-traffic alert, and wireless phone charging.

## Hybrid a handsome handler



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**1** Kia Optima Hybrid Base price: \$30,095 The stylish Optima uses a conventional six-speed transmission instead of a CVT for sportier driving performance.



2 Ford Fusion Hybrid Base price:\$28,699 In its plug-in hybrid version, the Fusion's fuel use is as low as 2.7 L/100 km.



**3**Honda Accord Hybrid Base price: \$31,773 A roomy, comfy model that costs more than the Camry but has better fuel efficiency.

**Review.** Updated styling, interior and suspension help Camry look and drive better than previous model

#### JIL MCINTOSH

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Once considered so exotic that you could almost stop traffic by driving one, gaselectric hybrids are now commonplace. And while cars like Toyota's Prius still scream, "I'm a hybrid!" there are now many conventional-looking versions, including the Camry Hybrid.

Both the Camry and Camry

Hybrid have been extensively updated for 2015, with new interior and exterior styling that is a considerable improvement on the previous bland design, plus tweaks to the suspension for better ride and handling.

The Camry Hybrid uses a 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine that's mated to an electric motor and an automatic, continuously variable transmission (CVT) that contains belts and pulleys instead of gears.

The system seamlessly switches between gasolineonly operation, electric-only, or a combination of the two, depending on what's needed at the time.

And you don't plug it in. Instead, the battery recharges by



capturing the energy generated when you're slowing down.

When you come to a stop, the gasoline engine shuts off, so you're not using fuel or creating emissions while waiting for the light to change. Don't worry: The climate control, stereo, lights, and other essentials stay on.

The Camry Hybrid comes in three trim lines, starting with the LE at \$28,410 and going up to my top-line tester, the XLE, at \$34,500. That's \$3,710 more than the conventional four-cylinder XLE, and as with any hybrid, it will take a while to

make up the difference in fuel savings. Combined ratings for the four-cylinder Camry are 8.4 L/100, while the hybrid is rated at 5.9.

Overall, the Camry's improvements are impressive: It drives better, with quicker steering response. And while the hybrid's ride is a little harsher than its gas sibling, it's still comfortable.

The interior is roomy (although the battery chews up some of the trunk space), and the XLE throws in such upscale features as navigation, heated leather seats, and a blind-spot monitor.

If you want hybrid performance with traditional looks and features, this one's a must on the test-drive list.



## Graphene, microbes and buckyballs fuel the future

**Autopilot.** Scientists are working overtime to find innovative and renewable alternate fuels for our vehicles



AUTO PILOT Mike Goetz drive@metronews.co

The people with big brains and lab coats are busier than ever, exploring some pretty freaky territory.

Let's take a look at three notable areas of exploration, each of which could apply to the automobile and transportation scene.

#### Super-thin graphene

About 10 years ago, scientists discovered a new form of carbon graphite, which they called graphene.

It is the world's thinnest known material — exactly one atom thick. It's also 200 times stronger than steel and the world's best conductor of electricity.

A recent study published in the journal Nature speculated that a membrane made of graphene could be used to isolate protons (by their nature, electrically charged) from the hydrogen available in air.

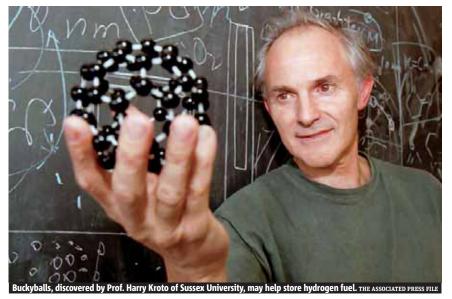
A fuel-cell vehicle could then be electrically driven, as all fuel-cell vehicles are, but without the cumbersome part of storing hydrogen on board or requiring a complex refuelling infrastructure system.

#### **Industrious microbes**

Cloning ourselves or bringing back woolly mammoths and Neanderthals are just two of the fun things we might be able to do with further advances in genome mapping and manipulation.

But George Church, one of world's top genome experts, is particularly pumped about modifying microbes to create transportation fuel.

Microbes have already demonstrated that they are able to convert wasted carbon dioxide into usable fuels, but Church wants to



modify them so they are super good at it, and easily replicated, so the conversion could be done on a grand and economical scale.

"Making new petroleum should be as simple and straightforward as brewing beer," he told The Economist Technology Quarterly.

#### Super-tough boron buckyballs

Buckyball is the nickname for a very interesting structure called buckminsterfullerene — a tiny molecular structure made up of 60 carbon atoms arranged in pentagons and hexagons.

It was so named because the architect, Richard Buckminster Fuller, used these shapes for his famous domes, like the one he created for Expo '67 in Montreal. First discovered in 1985, the carbon buckyballs excited scientists, because they are hollow inside, super stable on the outside, and very tiny.

Last summer, researchers built the first ever buckyball made entirely of boron molecules.

Unlike their carbon counterparts, the boron buckyballs like to react with each other and other things.

This means they can be connected in chains and would bond with hydrogen, which had the researchers speculating they might one day be used to store hydrogen.

Hydrogen is tough to store because it is so light. It needs to be kept under pressure and condensed to be of any use as a transportation fuel, and that takes energy and a bulky infrastructure.

Here's hoping something incorporating boron buckyballs becomes the fascinating alternative — both for the triumph of science and for letting us say "boron buckyballs" out loud.

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## **Shift:** From hybrids, technology, new vehicles and the environment, to saving money at the pumps

#### Jaguar trademarks the name EV-Type

Jaguar may be working on an electrified vehicle destined to be called the EV-Type, suggests auto news website Motor Authority. The company recently registered the name EV-Type with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as well as in Europe. The registration was filed "for usage on motor land vehicles, among other applications." Jaguar hasn't confirmed plans for an electrified vehicle, but did come close to launching a plug-in hybrid supercar based on the C-X75 concept from 2010. Although never slated for production, Jaguar has said the concept's technology would be used in future.



#### Portable EV charger safer than it looks

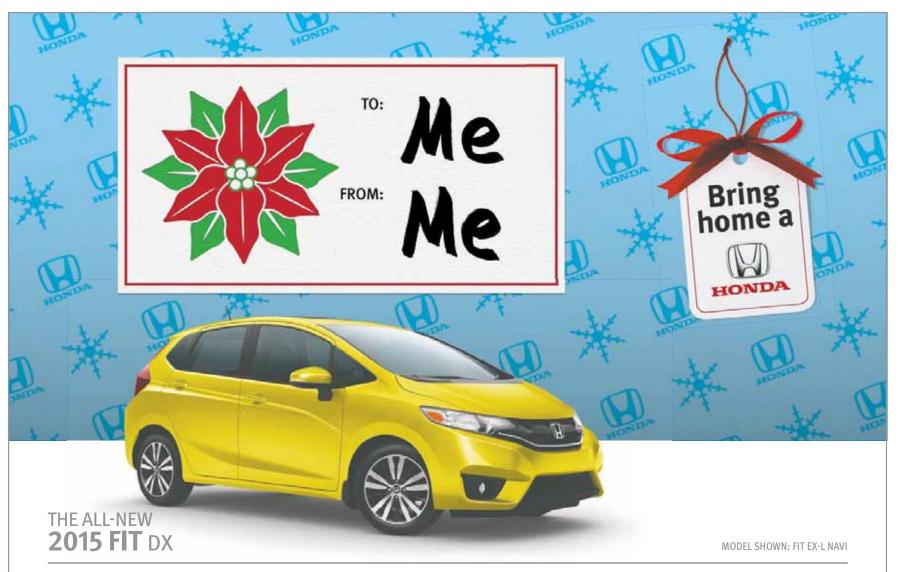
Your first impression of the Electric Vehicle Autonomous Renewable Charger (EV ARC) from Envision Solar of San Diego, Calif., is that the self-contained EV charging and energy-storage system might be prone to high winds. But it can withstand gusts up to 190 km/h, the company says, in part because of its 5,000-kilogram weight. So, although it is portable, it needs a truck to move it and sturdy hoists to load and unload it.



#### Shift points

- Ford is collaborating with Wind Energy Corp. to bring a new source of clean energy to four of its Dearborn, Mich. dealerships. Wind Energy will install wind sail and solar panel systems that will power buildings, EV charging stations and lot lighting.
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#### Horoscopes by Sally Brompton

#### **↑** Aries

March 21 - April 20

You have the gift of the gab and can get just about anyone to do just about anything for you. Try not to abuse the situation or you may have some uncomfortable questions to answer later.

#### **Taurus** April 21 - May 21

Try not to be too open about what you think today or you may let slip something that could be used against you.

#### **∐** Gemini

May 22 - June 21

Someone will try to persuade you to part with some of your cash today. Turn them down. Just because they've had a good idea does not mean you have to finance it.

#### Gancer

June 22 - July 23

You seem to be in one of your upbeat moods, but the planets warn you could be a bit too optimistic for your own good. Remember, if you start a new task you must see it through.

#### **Ω** Leo July 24 - Aug. 23

You won't be short of advice from loved ones today but you don't need it. You know what you need and you know where to find it, so ignore everyone else and follow your instincts.

#### W Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

It's a long time since you have felt this good and you should make the most of it. If you have

a creative talent, now is the

time to get serious about it.

#### **△** Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

Be wary of those who offer you something for nothing. They may not want a payment for it now but it will give them lots of leverage later on when they want something from you.

#### III Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

If you have something on your mind, let others know. Yes, you may make more of it than you should but that is preferable to pretending everything is OK.

#### **7**¹ Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

You're in a mood when the thought of failure does not enter your head and because of that you could succeed beyond your expectations — or fall flat.

#### **17** Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

As Mercury moves into your birth sign today you are advised to put a name to your dreams. If there is something you desire now is as good a time as any to be open about it.

#### **⋄** Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

Your imaginative powers are at their height. Over the next 24 hours, don't dismiss an idea because it sounds crazy.

#### **H** Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

Anyone who dares to disagree with you today is going to wish they had kept their opinions to themselves. You are in no mood for criticism, not even from those whose input you value. You know what you are doing.

#### Crossword: Canada Across and Down by Kelly Ann Buchanan

#### Across

- 1. Festival of Lights 9. Canadian boots company
- 15. Somewhat: 3 wds. 16. Mid-size sedan by Kia
- 17. Classic
- 18. Sportswear brand
- 19. Classic coat 20. Mr. Johnson
- aeneris (Unique, in Latin) 22. Celtic language
- 26. The 'L' of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz author L. Frank
- Baum's name 28. Tricks
- 29. Run by the other runner again
- 31. Immortal flower, to a poet
- 33. Entrap
- 34. Decorative perfume bottle
- 35. Climbing wall plant's 'grasper'
- 37. Gets the snow off the walkway
- 41. PEI's provincial tree: 2 wds.
- 43. Ms. Couric 44. Giant polar bear
- of Inuit folklore 47. Take to be true
- 48. Grad 49. Mr. Welles 51. Bathroom basin
- 52. Natalie Cole's father
- 53. Christmas carol: "The Holly and the
- 15 16 18 28 30 31 32 33 35 36 42 52 61 56 57 58 60 83 84 65
- 54. Rug of Scandinavia 56. "Grand Canyon" Canadian band, Timber 58. Endearing 63. Status early in a baseball inning: 2
- 64. Guards 65. 1998 Winter Olympics city in Japan 66. 'Historic Fort Town on the St. Lawrence River' in
- Ontario Down
- 1. Mafia killing
- 4. Expend 5. Sort of seaweed 6. Positions oneself to say "Will you marry

2. Singer Ms. DiFranco

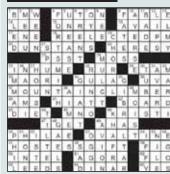
3. '60/'70s war zone,

me?" 7. Analyze

informally

- 8. Fellows 9. Saskatchewan town near the Montana border
- 10. Receptive 11. Sport-\_\_ (Versatile
- vehicle) 12. Guitar manufacturer

- 13. Quantity 14. Dapper
- 20. Reversible patterned fabric
- 22. Formerly, to a poet
- 23. Ms. Russo
- 24. Bridge 25. Man's musical
- membrane? 27. Prefix that means
- 'Bad
- 28. Solicit campaign
- votes 30. More dry
- 32. Chess pieces
- 34. Like that stuff used in baked goods
- 36. "That sounds marvelous, sign me
- up!": 3 wds. 38. Decorative case
- 39. Outline
- 40. Search
- 42. "A Woman's Worth" singer ...her
- initials-sharers
- 44. Town of southern Alberta
- 45. Vancouver-born actress Ms. Huffman
- 46. Eggnog ingredient
- 47. Unspecified individual
- 50. Command 53. Lady Antebellum's
- to You" 55. Fine things
- 57. \_\_constrictor
- 58. Egyptian cobra
- 59. Curve 60. Prefix to 'hazard'
- 61. Sanction
- 62. Ouest's opposite



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8	3	1	6	4	2	7	9	5
7	5	4	3	1	9	6	8	2
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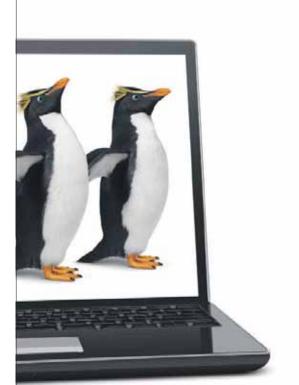
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